

Exodus 24 - Thursday, March 12th, 2009

- While chapter 24 may be a short chapter, it certainly won't fall short in its meaning and application to us in our lives. It's a great chapter!

1 Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him."

- It's important to understand that it was only Moses with whom God spoke, not the others who are with him, as they worship from afar.
- Moses, like Jesus, was the mediator between God and the people, and between the people and God. Moses is a picture of Jesus.

- Moses was to impart to the people that which he had received from God and this is what he now does according to what God said.
- There is a great lesson to be learned here. We too need to impart to others that which we have received from the Lord on the mountain.

1 Corinthians 11:23a For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: NKJV

3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do."

- This is very interesting. When Moses tells the Israelites the Words of the Lord, the people were all unanimously agreeing to obey God.
- Right! No they won't. They're about to break virtually every law at a party they have that's sort of centered on a golden calf.
- Now, before you and I get to harsh on the Israelites, we would do well to consider how many times we've done this same sort of thing.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

- Notice that Moses writes the Word of the Lord, and gets up early in the morning to build an altar to the Lord at the foot of the mountain.
- One commentator has suggested that Moses got up early because he couldn't sleep well that night after what the Israelites had said.
- Be that as it may, I believe there is something here for us as it relates to our devotional time in God's Word. He did this in the morning.

5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. 6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

- Subsequent to the writing, reading and hearing of the Word of God they offer burnt sacrifices and sprinkle blood on the altar to the Lord.
- There is an interesting order to all of this, and it clearly points to the person of Jesus Christ and His shed blood for our sins.
- The covenant that God had with them was not predicated on Israel's obedience, it was on the blood sacrifice. The same is true for us!!!

- This doesn't mean that, in the New Covenant, we don't have to obey God's Laws and God's commands, quite the contrary, actually.
- While God's covenant with His people is not based on their obedience, we still need to obey God's commands and heed His Word.
- How do we keep the law? We don't, because we can't. However, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, to obey God's Word.

1. God's Word is spoken (Verse 3)
2. God's Word is written (Verse 4)
3. God's Word is heard (Verse 7)
4. God's Word is heeded (Verse 8)

Psalm 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. NKJV

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. KJV

- I believe that this is how we become blameless, not sinless, and become doers of God's Word, not only hearers.

James 1:22-25 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. NKJV

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. NIV

9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.

- This is fascinating because God is allowing Moses, his older brother Aaron and his sons as well as the elders to see a heavenly vision
- It's been suggested that this vision may have been similar to what John saw in Revelation when he was before the heavenly throne.
- Others suggest that this wasn't actually a vision, but rather a Christophany, or an appearance of Jesus Himself.

- I always like to study the Bible with the pre-supposition that it is all about Jesus. Everything in every book is about my Jesus.

O.T Book	Jesus	Key Prophecies* / Types of Jesus
Genesis	The Seed of the Woman	Messiah would be born of the seed of a woman (Gen 3:15, Luke 1:34-35) Messiah would be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Gen 12:3, 17:19, 28:14, Luke 3:23-34) Messiah would be a king in the line of Judah (Gen 49:10, John 1:49) Typified in the person of Melchizedek (Gen 14:18) The life of Isaac - the sacrificed son (Gen 22) The life of Joseph - the rejected brother (Gen 37)
Exodus	The Passover Lamb	Typified in the life of Moses - the deliverer The Passover Lamb (Ex 12, John 1:29,36) The Manna from Heaven (Ex 16, John 6) The Rock struck at Horeb (Ex 17, 1 Cor 10:4) The Tabernacle (Brazen Altar, Lampstand, Table of Showbread, Ark of the covenant etc) (Gen 25-30)
Leviticus	The High Priest	Typified in the sacrifices and offerings (Lev 1-7) In the Jewish festivals (Passover, Atonement, Lev 16, 23) In the scapegoat (Lev 16:7-9) In the person and duties of the High Priest (Lev 16)
Numbers	The Cloud and The Fire	Messiah would be a King (Num 24:17) Typified in the bronze serpent (Num 21:8-9) The Water from the Rock (Num 20)
Deuteronomy	The Prophet Like Moses	Messiah will be a prophet (Deut 18:15-19, John 6:14) Messiah would be worshipped by angels (Deut 32:43, Luke 2:13-14) Typified in the cities of refuge (Deut 4:41)
Joshua	The Captain of Our Salvation	Typified in the person of Joshua (our leader into the promised land) In the Promised Land In the Commander of the Army (Josh 5:13-15)
Judges	The Judge And Lawgiver	Typified in the Judges (for He is true Judge of the living and the dead)
Ruth	The Kinsman Redeemer	Messiah would be a descendant of Boaz and Ruth (Ruth 4:12-17) Typified in the life of Boaz - The Kinsman Redeemer (Ruth 2:1)
1 & 2 Samuel	The Prophet of The Lord	Messiah exalted by God with power (1 Sam 2:10, Matt 28:18) Messiah would be a descendant of David (2 Sam 7:12-16, Matt 1:1) Messiah would be the 'Rock' (2 Sam 23:2-3, 1 Cor 10:4) Typified in the life of David - The King in Exile (1 Sam 22) The life of Jonathon - the faithful friend (1 Sam 18:1-4)
1 & 2 Kings	The Reigning King	Typified in the life of Solomon (the Millennial Reign) In the life and miracles of the prophet Elisha (multiplying bread 2 Kings 4:42, healing leper 2 Kings 5)
1 & 2 Chronicles		Messiah would be from the tribe of Judah (1 Chron 5:2, Luke 3:23-32) Typified in Solomon's temple In the Wisdom of Solomon (2 Chron 9:22)
Ezra	The Faithful Scribe	Typified in person of Zerubbabel, the rebuildr of the temple (Ezra 4)
Nehemiah	The Rebuilder of the Walls	Typified in the person of Nehemiah , the rebuildr of the walls of salvation
Esther	Mordecai	Typified in the person of Mordecai
Job	The Dayspring From on High	Typified in the sufferings of Job and the blessings that would follow
Psalms	The Lord Who Is Our Shepherd	Messiah would be the Son of God (Ps 2:7, 12, Matt 17:5) Messiah would be resurrected (Ps 16:8-10, Acts 13:30-37) Messiah would be despised & crucified (Ps 22:6-8, 14, Luke 23:21-23, Matt 27:35) Messiah would be hated without cause (Ps 69:4, Luke 23:13-22) Messiah would be Lord, seated at the right hand of God (Ps 110:1,5, 1 Pet 3:21-22) Messiah would be in the line of Melchizedek (Ps 110:4, Heb 6:17-20)

		Messiah would be the 'stone' rejected by the Jews (Ps 118:22, Matt 21:42-43) Key Messianic Psalms: Chapters 2, 8, 16, 22, 45, 69, 89, 109, 110, 118
Proverbs & Ecclesiastes	The Wisdom of God	Messiah would be from everlasting (Prov 8:22-23, John 17:5) Messiah would be the Son of God (Prov 30:4, Matt 3:16-17) Typified in the Wisdom of God (Prov 8:22-31)
Song of Solomon	The Lover & Bridegroom	Typified in the Bridegroom's love for, and marriage to, the bride
Isaiah	The Suffering Servant	Messiah would be born of a virgin (Is 7:14, Luke 1:34-35) Messiah would be Immanuel "God with us" (Is 7:14, Matt 1:21-23) Messiah would be God and Man (Is 9:6, John 10:30) Messiah would have the 7-fold Spirit upon Him (Is 11:1-2, Matt 3:16-17) Messiah would heal the blind, lame, deaf (Is 35:5-6, Mark 10:51-52) Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner (Is 40:3, Luke 1:17) Messiah would be a light to the gentiles (Is 42:6, John 8:12) Messiah would be despised by the Jewish nation (Is 49:7, John 10:20, Matt 27:23) Messiah would be whipped and beaten (Is 50:6, Matt 26:67, 27:26) Messiah would die as a guilt offering for sin (Is 53:10, John 18:11) Messiah would be resurrected and live forever (Is 53:10, Mark 16:16)
Jeremiah & Lamentations	The Weeping Prophet	Messiah would be God (Jer 23:6, John 13:13) Messiah would be a righteous Branch (Jer 23:5) Messiah would be our righteousness (Jer 23:6, 1 Cor 1:30)
Ezekiel	The Son of Man	Messiah would be a descendant of David (Ez 34:23-24, Matt 1:1)
Daniel	The Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven	Messiah would be 'a son of man' given an everlasting kingdom (Dan 7:13-14, Luke 1:31-34) Messiah would come 483 years after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (Dan 9:25, John 12:12-23) Messiah would be killed (Dan 9:26, Matt 27:35) Revealed as the 'stone' (and His kingdom) that smashes the kingdoms of the world (Dan 2:34,44) Typified in the 4th man in the fiery furnace - one like 'the son of gods' (Dan 3:25)
Hosea	The Bridegroom	Typified in Hosea's faithfulness to his adulterous wife (Hos 3)
Joel	The Baptizer With The Holy Spirit	Messiah will offer salvation to all mankind (Joel 2:32, Rom 10:12-13) Messiah would baptize people with the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-32)
Amos	The Burden Bearer	God would darken the day at noon during Messiah's death (Amos 8:9, Matt 27:45-46)
Obadiah	The Mighty Savior	
Jonah	The Forgiving God	Typified in Jonah being 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of a fish (Jon 1:17, Matt 12:40)
Micah	The Messenger With Beautiful Feet	Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Mic 5:2, Matt 2:1-2) Messiah would be from everlasting (Mic 5:2, Rev:1-8)
Nahum	The Avenger of God's Elect	
Habakkuk	The Great Evangelist, Crying For Revival	Messiah would come from Teman at His return, full of glory (Hab 3:3) Typified in the life of Habakkuk (his intercession and prayer for his people)
Zephaniah	The Restorer of the Remnant	
Haggai	The Cleansing Fountain	Messiah would visit the 2nd temple (Hag 2:6-9, Luke 2:27-32)
Zechariah	The Pierced Son	Messiah would be Priest and King (Zech 6:12-13, Heb 8:1) Messiah would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey (Zech 9:9, Matt 21:6-9) Messiah would be God (Zech 11:12-13, John 12:45) Messiah would be pierced (Zech 12:10, John 19:34-37)
Malachi	The Son of Righteousness	Messiah would appear at the temple (Mal 3:1, Mark 11:15-16) Messiah's forerunner would come in the spirit of Elijah (Mat 4:5, Matt 3:1-2)
N.T Book	Jesus	Titles / Names Revealed of Jesus
Matthew	The Messiah	The Son of David (Matt 1:1) The King of the Jews (Matthew 2:2) The Son of God (Matthew 2:15). The Bridegroom (Matthew 9:15)
Mark	The Miracle Worker	The Holy One of God (Mark 1:24) The Servant (Mark 10:45) The King of Israel (Mark 15:32)

Luke	The Son of Man	The Horn of Salvation (Luke 1:69) The Consolation of Israel: (Luke 2:25).
John	The Son of God	The Only Begotten Son: (John 1:14,18) The Lamb of God (John 1:29,36) The Bread of life (John 6:35) The Light of the World (John 8:1) The I AM! (John 8:58) The Door of the Sheep: (John 10:7,9) The Good Shepherd (John 10:11) The Resurrection and life (John 11:25) The Way, the Truth, the Life (John 14:6) The True Vine (John 15:1)
Acts	The Ascended Lord	The Prince of Life (Acts 3:15) The Judge of the living and the dead (Acts 10:42) The Just One (Acts 7:52). The Hope of Israel (Acts 28:20)
Romans	The Justifier	The Rock of Offense (Romans 9:33) The Deliverer (Romans 11:26) The Lord of the dead and the living (Romans 14:9) The Root of Jesse (Romans 15:12)
1 & 2 Corinthians	The Last Adam	The First-fruits (1 Corinthians 15:23) The Last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45)
Galatians	The One Who Sets Us Free	The Lord Jesus Christ (Gal 1:3)
Ephesians	The Christ of Riches	The Head over All Things (Ephesians 1:22) The Cornerstone: (Ephesians 2:20)
Philippians	The God Who Meets Our Every Need	The Name above all names (Philippians 2:9)
Colossians	The Fullness of The Godhead	The Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15) The Head of the body (Colossians 1:18) The Beginning (Colossians 1:18) The Firstborn from the dead (Colossians 1:18) The Hope of Glory (Col 1:27)
1 & 2 Thessalonians	The Soon Coming King	The Lord of Peace (2 Thessalonians 3:16)
1 & 2 Timothy	The Mediator Between God And Man	The King of Ages (1 Timothy 1:17) The Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)
Titus	The Blessed Hope	The Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13) The Great God and Saviour (Titus 2:13)
Philemon	The Friend, Closer Than a Brother	The Lord Jesus Christ (Philemon 3)
Hebrews	The Blood That Washes Away My Sins	The Heir of All Things (Hebrews 1:2) The Faithful High Priest (Hebrews 2:17) The Author and Finisher of our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)
James	The Great Physician	The Lord of Glory (James 2:1) The Judge at the door (James 5:9)
1 & 2 Peter	The Chief Shepherd	The Living Stone (1 Peter 2:4) The Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4)
1 & 2 & 3 John	Everlasting Love	The Eternal Life (1 John 1:2) The Righteous (1 John 2:1)
Jude	The God our Saviour	The Only Wise God our Saviour (Jude 25)
Revelation	The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!	The Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last: (Revelation 1:17, 22:13) The Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Rev 5:5) The Word of God (Revelation 19:13). The King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16) The Bright Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)

11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

- This is an interesting verse. It says that God did not strike them, but instead, He sort of fellowships with them while they eat and drink.
- Perhaps this is a picture of communion, where there's the breaking of bread, Jesus' body, and the drinking of the cup, Jesus' blood.
- What makes this so interesting is that it is the quintessential example of Christianity being a relationship and not a religion.

12 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

- Now God tells Moses to come up to the mountain so he can receive the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments written on them.
- Notice He says; "Come up to Me on the mountain and, "be there!" Sometimes I have to "be there," in order for God to give to me.
- Also, notice He tells Moses that He is giving Him the written law, or Word, so that he may teach the Israelites. This is applicable to us.

13 So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. 14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."

- I find it interesting that Moses would take Joshua with him but leave Aaron, Hur and the elders behind telling them to wait there.
- Perhaps this is God's way of preparing Joshua to succeed Moses for when he leads the Israelites into the Promised Land.
- Also, leaving Aaron behind will prove to be disastrous, as he will be responsible for the whole golden calf thing, however, Hur won't.

15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. 16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- So Moses goes up to the mountain so he can "be there." There's a cloud covering the mountain, and God's glory rests on it six days.
- It's interesting that God allows the Israelites to see His glory atop Mount Sinai as a consuming fire. He wants them to know He's there.
- Also, notice that it's in the midst of the cloud and for forty days and forty nights. God is in the clouds, and 40 is the number of judgment.